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1. The Bereitschaft personnel from Berlin-Treptow have been suddenly transferred. Orders for the move were first sent out from the HVA on Friday, 24 March 1950. The move took place and was completed on Sunday, 26 March 1950. The men travelled in transport provided by the HVA. 320 went to Loebau, 320 to Frankenburg, and 120 to Dessau. Corresponding numbers were transferred from each of these VPBs to Berlin-Treptow, and travelled by the same transport on the return journey. Those transferred from Berlin included married men with wives and families in Berlin. All were in a mutinous mood, but no incidents were reported. The Leiter of Berlin-Treptow remains at his post, but it is expected that he will be moved in the near future.

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2. The following are the latest arrangements for the HVA for the Whitsun Fally:

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| (a) From the best VFB and VFS        | 100%     |
| (b) From the second best VFB and VPS | 70%      |
| (c) From the third best VFB and VPS  | 50%      |
| (d) From each other VFB and VFS      | 100 men. |

The total number of HVA personnel is now expected to reach 9,500. They are to have at their disposal 450 trucks. (This number cannot be supplied from transport at present available to the HVA). The first, second and third best VFS and VFB will be chosen by a committee headed by Morgenstern. Kommandeur Engelbrecht is responsible for the HVA program in Berlin.

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3. It has been decided that, subject to sufficient supplies being delivered in time, the new uniform is to be worn. This will consist of khaki tunic without pockets, khaki ski-trousers, black shoes and olive green shirt.
4. The Sportschule is not to be combined with the Waffenmeisterschule in Dohrilugk. Instead, it is situated in Regatta Haus, Potsdam.

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The premises were due to be ready on 1 April 1950 and the first course for 120 men is due to commence on 1 May 1950. For transport it has been allocated only one passenger car. [ ]

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5. It is intended to arrange for six months' courses for Intendantur-leiter. These will be held in the Verwaltungsschule, Leipzig. A meeting of Intendanturleiter is to be held in Berlin during the second half of April. The day has not yet been fixed. Evidence of irregularities among the Intendantur staff at VPS/VPB level has come to light. A committee under the leadership of Kommandeur Hampel is to investigate. The committee is at present in Zittau, where an inquiry is being held ([ ])

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6. Telephone number 554567 is a direct line to Zaisser's desk in his new office in Normannenstr. 23. [ ]

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7. The following is the allocation of transport for the HVA promised for the first and second quarters of the current year:

Trucks	(1-1/2 tons)	3
Cars	(BMW)	8
Cars	(DKW)	50
M/c.	(BMW)	322
M/c.	(Java)	50
Bicycles		1,250

Only a small percentage of this allocation has been delivered to date. The 150 ZIS 3-ton trucks earlier reported in transit from Russia, are now at Frankfurt/Oder. They are not yet across the frontier. 30 of these lorries are to be given to the Ministry of State Security. A staff officer of HVA asked Zaisser whether the 30 lorries were to be fitted with seats to carry police. He was told that it was important only that they should be made escape-proof.

8. The following changes of VFB locations have been arranged:

- (a) On 3 April 1950 VFB. Apolda to Erfurt. The Bereitschaft will move on foot. They will occupy the "Kaserne auf der Henne."
- (b) On 3 April 1950 VFB Meiningen to Gotha. Will become 10 VFB Land Thuringia.
- (c) On 4 April 1950 VFB Appollensdorf to Burg. The Bereitschaft will move by rail.
- (d) On 5 April 1950 VFB Boitzenburg to Loebau. Part of the Bereitschaft is already in Loebau. The Bereitschaft will become 9 VFB Land Saxony. [ ]

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[ ] Comments:

An independent [ ] comments as follows: Re para. 1. The Commandant of Berlin-Treptow, Kommandeur Tutlitz, has been relieved of his position. Re para. 6 - the estimate generally arrived at is 10,000. Engelbrecht has been placed in charge of the complete program, not only its FDJ component. [ ]

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50% of the Bereitschaft, unarmed, is scheduled to participate in the FDJ Rally. All leaves have been cancelled during the Whitsuntide period.

Re para. 7 - As of 1 April 1950 the color of the trousers was to be blue, but pending further tests under field conditions, no final decision will be taken.

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